

3 Any matters brought by members of the public attending the meeting

3.1 Member of public raised issue of how effective the Parish Council website was and how many villagers were aware of the site. Clerk was asked if the Parish Council had a record of how many hits the website had. Clerk advised he did not know but would speak to website manager to see if could get this information.

Clerk advised that he would welcome ideas from villagers on how to improve website and sort of things they wanted to see there. He had been looking at other Parish sites and some were very good however most were in place mainly to comply with legislation

Member of public asked if the minutes could be put on notice boards..... meeting agreed that a problem would be lack of space on the boards as they were not particularly big..... also Clerk reported that the notice board on Brigg Lane was constantly being spit on.

However it was agreed to put the notes on the boards.

3.2 It was noted that double yellow lines had at last been painted on Brigg Lane alongside the park and Council would monitor this going forward especially in summer.

4 Planning applications

PROPOSAL: Extension to existing attic and single storey extensions to rear (following demolition of existing outbuildings) including an integral garage

LOCATION: Highfield, Mill Lane, Camblesforth

Cllrs advised no observations to the above

5 Matters arising – to consider new and on-going issues and decide further action if necessary:

5.1 Ongoing discussion on proposed housing development/latest updates

Cllrs noted that the application for 80 houses had been declined by SDC Planning Committee. Clerk had previously issued notification of decision, mainly on grounds of flood concerns, but also feeling that development was unsuitable for village of Camblesforth's size.

Cllr Jordan advised Cllrs that developers will almost certainly appeal... feeling that SDC Planning Officers are sending out different messages.... a similar planning application had been allowed.

Meeting discussed counter argument about allowing development in village..... Drax primary school was closing down and pupils were moving to Carlton or Snaith and not to Camblesforth.... argument which the developers will use will be to try and argue about the size of the schools. There was a possibility that in five or six years Camblesforth School might be in same position as Drax school with declining pupil numbers due to the fact the village was not having any new families move into the village.

Cllrs noted however that there was still the 40 houses development at the side of the school which may counter this.... Cllr Jordan confirmed this development had been approved.

Cllrs asked was there a limit of how many times the developers can appeal.... Cllr Jordan advised, there wasn't and they could do this every six months however in his experience from other areas, if the application kept being kicked back, then eventually they will not want to develop in the village and move somewhere else which wants this.

5.2 Discussion on Inspection Report for Playground

Clerk confirmed that the Council had received the periodical inspection report for the playground equipment and furniture. Generally the state of the playground was good, however most of the equipment had algae growing on them and this needed cleaning as it could be a slip hazard. Also some equipment needed minor repairs.

Cllrs agreed that Clerk would contact George Fellingham and ask for a quote – agreed that no need to wait until next meeting to proceed with work - Clerk would obtain permission from two Cllrs by email once quote had been sourced and instruct work to be carried out.

5.3 Budget Review (1 of 2) for 2016-17

Postponed until next meeting

5.4 Update on SDC enforcement issues in Camblesforth

Cllr Jordan advised that he wasn't aware of any update..... noted that SDC Enforcement team was undergoing a lot of change at moment and was currently understaffed. Cllr Jordan would contact office and see if there was any update

5.5 Discussion on proposed new rural bus service

Clerk had provided revised timetable to Cllrs – in summary main route affecting Camblesforth was the No.8 from Drax ran by Utopia Buses.... noted that due to underuse the 1625 service was being removed. Cllrs accepted that if the buses were not commercially viable they would be removed.

6 Correspondence and any other business

6.1 Dog Fouling

Clerk advised of email correspondence about increased dog fouling again in village..... also that dog walkers were using the millennium garden despite the signs – one villager had noted dog mess in the garden.

Cllrs expressed frustration at this having tried on several occasions to try and prevent this anti-social behaviour. Noted it was a nation-wide problem at moment – Clerk would speak to SDC again as he was aware they were carrying out a broader campaign for cleaning up communities

6.2 Cllr Jordan

Cllr Jordan advised Cllrs that he would not attend the next two meetings due to him entering into a period of political purdah due to the forthcoming County Council elections..... he would still be contactable by email and telephone.

7 Any new or outstanding matters raised by Cllrs and update on actions

7.1 Street Lighting

Cllr Ball advised meeting that villagers had raised concerns with current policy of switching off street lighting from midnight and he had received several requests for specific lighting to be kept on during night.

Lamp 52	Mill Lane
Lamp 2	Wentworth Close
Lamp 5	Millfield Drive
Lamp 2	Lingcroft Close

Concerns were that because the streets were in darkness this would encourage burglars..... Cllr Jordan advised that policy research had actually shown burglars actually avoid dark areas as this meant they would have to use torches.

Meeting also heard that NYCC would probably not allow the lights to be left on as concerns should have been raised during the consultation period..... however Cllr Ball advised that the electrician he had spoken to who was repairing one of the lights said that NYCC would allow this and had switched lights back on in other areas.

Cllrs request Clerk contact NYCC and request following lights are kept on.

7.2 English Salads

Cllr Kempton asked if it was known what was happening with English Salad site..... it was noted that there was still some production going on but no night work..... it was noted that groups of youths had been seen near the site, and concerns had been raised for potential anti-social behaviour. Council would monitor situation and Clerk would request Community Police Officer(s) to keep eye on situation

Date of next meeting 20th March 2017
